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1. The assassination of Razmara and shooting of Zauganeh do not indicate a threat of general turmoil in Iran. The people are ignorant of political affairs, seldom knowing their district leaders' names, much less their political ideas. They expect little and are unconcerned about how they get it.
2. There is no political honesty among the influential politicians, and these acts of violence are the result of intrigue among them. It may lead to a new balance of power among them but no important changes in their relations with other countries.
3. It seems unlikely the USSR will try to openly exploit the situation. It has always been possible for them to take over the country with little opposition and regard for their relations with the UK, and US will prevent their taking any decisive action because of these incidents.
4. The native [redacted] are all convinced that invasion by USSR is inevitable and their army will offer no resistance. Top army officers would flee and the Iranian troops would plunder the country. Funds are being transferred to safer countries and many business men are trying to leave. They all consider the police force as being in communist hands. [redacted]

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